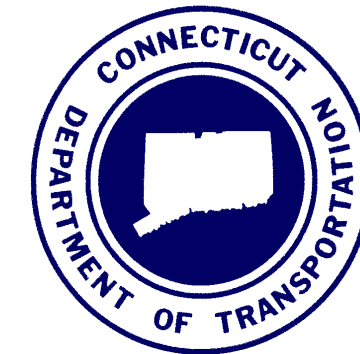


# State of Connecticut Department of Transportation

## *Announces Listening Sessions for the State's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRP)*



### What is Happening?

The Connecticut Department of Transportation is updating the State's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRP) and is seeking your input. The Department is very excited about initiating this process.

### What is the LRP?

The LRP will outline Connecticut's transportation policy for the next 20 years. The State's LRP is updated every three to five years. The current plan, entitled *1998 Long-Range Transportation Plan*, covers the period 1998 through 2020. Once updated, the State's LRP will cover the period 2004 through 2025.

### Why Update the LRP?

Over time, changes occur in transportation needs, travel behavior, methods used to manage traffic, and the ability to pay for transportation system maintenance and improvements. The LRP is an important step towards reassessing Connecticut's policies for addressing our State's future mobility. It provides the framework for prioritizing projects and programs relating to Connecticut's transportation system. The State's LRP is prepared in accordance with the provision of Title 23, Section 135 of the United States Code (U.S.C.), as amended by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991 and the Transportation Equity Act of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA-21).

### Why Should I Get Involved?

**Because your views are important!** Transportation affects your quality of life. Become a part of this process and get involved in determining the State's future direction. All interested parties, including Connecticut's residents, local and regional businesses, visitors and commuters, are encouraged to participate in this process.

#### Session I : Rural Eastern Connecticut

Willimantic, CT – Eastern Connecticut State University  
83 Windham Street, Student Center Building  
Room 205 (on-site parking)  
Tuesday, September 9, 2003 from 4:00PM – 6:00PM

#### Session II : Greater Hartford Area

Newington, CT – Newington Senior and Disabled Center  
120 Cedar Street (Route 175)  
A & B Meeting Room (on-site parking)  
Thursday, September 11, 2003 from 7:00PM – 9:00PM

#### Session III : New Haven Area

New Haven, CT – Harry A. Conte/West Hills Magnet School  
511 Chapel Street, Library (on-site parking)  
Monday, September 15, 2003 from 5:00PM – 7:00PM

#### Session IV : Housatonic /Central Naugatuck Valley Area

Southbury, CT – Town Hall  
501 Main Street South, Room 205 (on-site parking)  
Wednesday, September 17, 2003 from 7:00PM – 9:00PM

#### Session V : Southeastern Connecticut

Montville, CT – Uncas on Thames Campus  
Southeastern Mental Health Authority  
401 West Thames Street (Route 32),  
Museum Conference Room (on-site parking)  
Thursday, September 18, 2003 from 7:00PM – 9:00PM

#### Session VI : Bridgeport/Stamford Area

Norwalk, CT – City Hall, Community Room  
125 East Avenue (on-site parking)  
Monday, September 22, 2003 from 7:30PM – 9:30PM

#### Session VII : Rural Western Connecticut

Torrington, CT – Sullivan Senior Center  
88 East Albert Street, Main Room (on-site parking)  
Wednesday, September 24, 2003 from 7:00PM – 9:00PM

### What is the Process?

In September 2003, seven LRP Listening Sessions are being held throughout the State. (Refer to schedule in shaded block; note that meeting facilities will be handicapped accessible.) Your ideas as well as various other sources of information will be used by the Department to prepare a draft LRP. The draft LRP is expected to be available in the spring 2004 for public review. A final plan will likely be published by the fall of 2004.

### What is a Listening Session?

These listening sessions are open meetings where the public is invited to offer their ideas and opinions on Connecticut's transportation system. During each of the September 2003 LRP Listening Sessions, a brief presentation will be made, followed by a period for public comment.

### What is the Comment Period?

Comments received **prior to October 31, 2003** will be reviewed as part of the process for preparing the draft LRP. In addition to commenting during the LRP Listening Sessions, comments may be provided **by mail or electronically**. Submit comments to Ms. Roxane Fromson, Transportation Supervising Planner, Bureau of Policy and Planning at the Connecticut Department of Transportation, P. O. Box 317546, Newington, Connecticut 06131-7546 or [Roxane.Fromson@po.state.ct.us](mailto:Roxane.Fromson@po.state.ct.us). Please include your name, address, and, if applicable, the company or organization that you represent, with your comments.

### Where Can I Find Additional Information?

Additional information as well as copies of the Listening Session presentation and the 1998 LRP may be found at <http://www.dot.state.ct.us>, the Department's website. The website will be updated with new information on the process, as it becomes available.

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